



ASEAN Statistics Activities in IMTS

ASEANstats Presentation

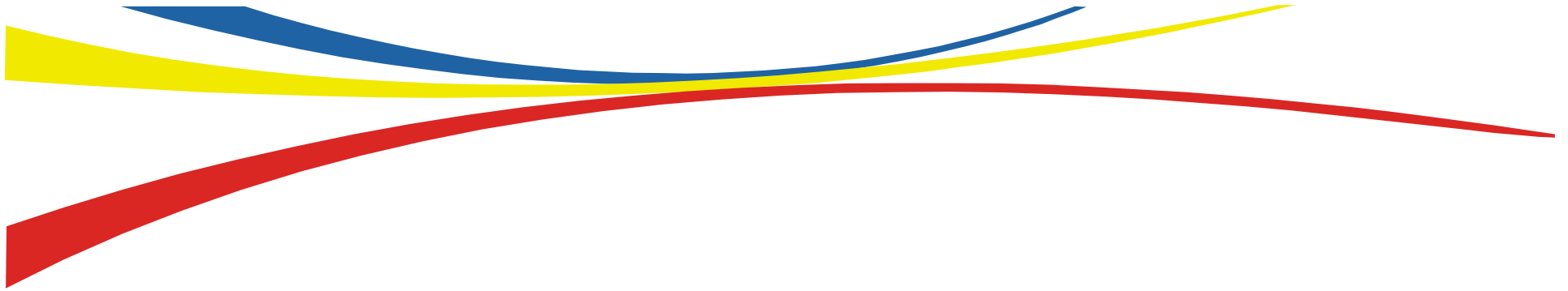
Regional Workshop on International Trade Merchandise Trade
Statistics

Strengthening Data Compilation and Analytical Capacity
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Brief History of ASEAN WG-IMTS

- A detailed project implementation plan for the harmonization of international Trade in goods and services statistics was endorsed by ASEAN Head of Statistics in 2005
- The Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (TFIMTS) was created in 2006
- TFIMTS -> WGIMTS established in 2013
 - in order to reflect its permanent status within the decision making framework of the ACSS Committee
 - The main objective of the ASEAN WGIMTS envisaged in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint.



Current Situation



Data Submission Flow



- National Statistical Office
- Custom
- Ministry of Commerce



Data Transmission Protocol

- Data to be transmitted to ASEANstats through ASEAN Data Transmission Tools (ASEAN DTT).
- Frequency of transmission: quarterly
- Format file: MS Excel, MS Access , dbf, Text fixed width
- Final figure will be disseminated on October of the following year



Data Content

1. Data file with 7 mandatory fields (country reporter, partner, year, period, flows, product codes, value)
2. Optional fields – 5 (country of origin, net mass, supplementary quantity, supplementary quantity unit, and Mode of Transport)
3. Total Trade (summary of exports and imports) file
4. Country Codes: ISO 3166
5. Commodity Codes: ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 8 digit
6. Periodicity: monthly
7. Value in USD (otherwise exchange rate is provided)

Dissemination

- ASEANstats website (www.aseanstats.org)
- ASEANstats Annual Publications:
 - ASEAN Statistical Yearbook
 - ASEAN Economic Community Chartbook
 - ASEAN Statistical Leaflet: Selected Indicators

The screenshot displays the ASEANstats website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'About Us', 'Database', 'Ebooks', 'Events', and 'Infographics'. Below this is a 'Welcome to the Official Website of ASEAN Statist' banner. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- ASEAN Statistical Publication by Years:** A horizontal bar chart showing the number of publications from 2003 to 2017. The data points are: 2003 (1), 2004 (1), 2005 (1), 2008 (1), 2009 (1), 2010 (1), 2011 (1), 2012 (1), 2013 (1), 2014 (1), 2015 (1), 2016 (1), 2017 (1).
- ASEANstats Logo and Navigation:** Includes 'Home', 'About Us', 'Database', 'Ebooks', 'Events', 'Infographics'.
- Welcome to the Official Website of ASEAN Statist**
- Browse Our Products and Services:** A grid of icons representing various services: 'Web Database Query (Exportable to excel)', 'Interactive Data', 'Statistical Publication (eBook)', and 'Data Request'.
- ASEAN Statistical Leaflet:** A section featuring several leaflet covers, including 'ASEAN Statistical Report on Millennium Development Goals 2017', 'ASEAN Community Program Monitoring System 2017', 'CELEBRATING ASEAN: 50 YEARS OF EVOLUTION AND PROGRESS A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS', 'ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY CHARTBOOK 2016', 'ASEAN Statistical Yearbook on International Trade Statistics Year 2014', 'ASEAN Statistical Yearbook on International Trade Statistics Year 2015', and 'ASEAN Yearbook on International Trade Statistics Year 2016'.
- ASEAN Trade by Reporters, Partners and Products:** A complex data visualization area with multiple filters (Year, Reporter, Partner Type, Product) and several charts: 'Top Products by Reporters', 'Top Partners by Reporters', and 'Top Reporter by Flow'. A table titled 'ASEAN Trade by Reporters, Partners and Products' is also visible, showing trade values for various countries.



Activities, Challenges, and Future Plan



Activities

Most activities are done with assistance from EU-ASEAN Project; 2009-2013 and 2014-2018

- **Technology**

Additional IT Staff, Enhance Web Application, IT Hardware Procurements

- **Methodology :**

- Regional Workshops

- Technical Assistance to Member States to narrowing the development gap -> to ensure a majority of UNSD concepts and definitions is applied

- **Institutional Strengthening :**

National workshop on cooperation between Statistical Offices, Customs Authority, National Banks and other institutions



Challenges

Current/remaining challenges:

- Issue on classification of product codes (national product codes, unspecified codes)
- Timeliness of data submission
- Harmonization of the IMTS concept, definition and practice among AMSs

Possible future challenges:

- Compiling data on trade volume and other optional fields



Planned Activities

- Data Process :
 - Enhancement of data process (on validation rules and estimation of missing trade)
 - Database migration MS Access to Microsoft SQL Server
- Data Dissemination :
 - ASEAN IMTS quarterly publication
 - Regional quality report on IMTS
 - Production of new indicators (unit value indices and seasonally adjusted data)
 - Enhancement of online access to detailed data



Planned Activities

- Training course :
validation methods, quality assessments, specific goods/transaction, calculation on trade indices.
- Technical assistance for AMSs :
on implementation of international recommendation;
dissemination tools and methods
- Regional workshop on concepts, definitions, and practices; validation methods; and quality assessment



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